

1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 81

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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** urging the U.S. secretary of agriculture to immediately change the federal milk pricing system.

Whereas, for many years the federal milk pricing system has set lower prices for milk produced in Wisconsin and other midwestern states than for milk produced in other parts of the country by using Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk price differentials; and

Whereas, the result of the federal milk pricing system has been to boost milk prices artificially in southern and southwestern states, causing rampant growth in dairy farming in those areas; and

Whereas, a federal district court has found that using Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk price differentials is arbitrary and capricious and unlawful; and

Whereas, the number of cows in this state is down by almost 100,000 compared to 1996, demonstrating that Wisconsin dairy farmers cannot wait longer for fairness in the federal milk pricing system; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature urge U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to respond to the federal district court decision invalidating the current federal milk pricing system by immediately ceasing to use Eau Claire as the base point for setting milk price differentials; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature support federal milk marketing reform option 1 B as a starting point for reform; and be it further

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Date

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Charles R. Sanders  
Assembly Chief Clerk